



March 3, 2019

Order of Worship

Please silence your cell phone.

THE GATHERING AND QUIET PREPARATION

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Manz

THE INTROIT (9:30)

“Bless You!”

Anthony Kouri Williams

Cherub Choir

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 400** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

Leader: Bless one another, love one another, serve one another;

People: For by doing so, we bless, love and serve Christ.

Leader: Forgive one another, seek peace, do justice;

People: For by doing so, we follow the way of Christ.

Leader: Live into hope, keep to faith, stay close to the truth;

People: For by doing so, we know Jesus as Lord.

Leader: Come, enter this time of worship, coming before Christ our Lord;

People: Who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty!

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 617**

**I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread,
in Christ’s communion bread.**

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THE TIME OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

The Ritual of Friendship folder is located at the center aisle; please sign and pass.

THE SENIOR PASTOR’S MOMENT: General Conference

Rev. Elbert Dulworth

THE ANTHEM

(9:30)

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

arr. Earlene Rentz

Genesis Choir

(11:00)

“The Lord is My Light”

Mark Patterson

Covenant Choir

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THE CALL TO PRAYER

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, adapted

We confess our weary spirits, O God. We confess our tiredness. We confess that at times we are burned out and broken down. We confess that the work of justice, peace and mercy has been difficult, and has yielded more sorrow at times than joy. We come before you, knowing you have taken this burden upon yourself, so that we might know the fullness of your reign. Grant us inner peace. Grant us a renewed spirit for justice. Grant us mercy beyond what we can imagine, and rest, so that we may take up the mantle you have bestowed upon us: to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE WORDS OF GRACE

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“God Has Work for Us to Do”
Chancel Choir

Mark Miller

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***THE HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 173** “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky”

THE SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:28-43a

Pew Bible pg. 946

This is God’s living Word for God’s living people. ~ **“Thanks be to God!”**

THE SERMON

“Sleepy, Terrified, Silent”
Rev. Dr. Mark R. Teasdale

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING NO. 17 (Musical Setting A)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The elements will be served by intinction. At the direction of the ushers, come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. All bread is gluten-free.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Fed by your love and strengthened through your presence with us, we pray that we may go forth into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to be your Church. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 451** “Be Thou My Vision”

***THE BENEDICTION AND PERIOD OF SILENCE**

Please remain quietly in your pew during the recession of the clergy.

***THE POSTLUDE** “Festal Trumpet”

**Congregation Standing*

****Seating of Worshipers*



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To gather, nurture and equip disciples of Jesus Christ for ministry and mission in the world.

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Honor God Through Excellence	Embrace Bold Vision
Encourage Lifelong Spiritual Growth	Support One Another

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